

Minutes of the Town of Newbold Town Board Finance and Regular Town Board Meeting Held on Thursday, April 13, 2017

The Town of Newbold Town Board met on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in open session for the Town Board Finance meeting and at 6:30 p.m., in open session for the Town Board Regular Monthly Meeting, at the Town of Newbold Town Hall, 4608 Apperson Drive and Highway 47, Rhinelander, Wisconsin, 54501, Oneida County, Wisconsin. The following was discussed:

- Chairman Kroll called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following were in attendance: Dave Kroll, Chairman; Bob Metropulos, Jim Staskiewicz, Ed Hammer, Mike McKenzie, Supervisors; Kim Gauthier, Clerk and Jodie Hess, Treasurer.
- Approval and action on town hall cleaning provider payment to Susan Houp. The Clerk explained the written request from Clean Sweep Cleaning to have Ms. Houp continue cleaning the town hall as an individual, since the business has dissolved. Ms. Houp provided proof of insurance and the Clerk completed a satisfactory background check on Ms. Houp. *A motion was made by Mr. Metropulos and seconded by Mr. Staskiewicz to approve the payment of cleaning service at the town hall to Susan Houp, as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*
- Discussion and action on USDA Beaver Management Contract. The 2017 proposed contract was provided to each board member. *A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. McKenzie to approve the USDA beaver management contract as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*
- Approval and payment of bills, receipt of financial reports and approval of fund adjustments. *A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and seconded by Mr. Hammer to approve the transfer from the designated first responder fund to the first responder budget in the amount of \$4,787.62 and the transfer from the designated outdoor recreation area fund to the outdoor recreation area budget in the amount of \$1,340.00. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays. A motion was made by Mr. Staskiewicz and Mr. Metropulos to approve bills and disbursements as presented. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays. The financial reports were received and filed by the Clerk.*
- *A motion was made to adjourn the finance meeting at 6:15 p.m. by Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Hammer.*
- The regular town board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by Chairman Kroll, who also led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. The Clerk verified the agenda was properly noticed to the public.

- *A motion was made to approve the town board meeting minutes of March 31, 2017 by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Staskiewicz. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays.*
- County Board of Supervisor's report by Newbold representatives. Jim Winkler was present and reported on the status of a possible State grant partnered with the UW Extension that the town may want to consider for the recreation area. Mr. Winkler also commented on changes to family care in the social service department along with legislative changes that effect child protection regarding child trafficking.
- Discussion and action on Oneida County Zoning requests, Plan Commission and citizen zoning requests, if any. Ed Hammer indicated there are no requests to report.
- Discussion and action on advisory referendum results to allow ATV/UTV use on Town roads. Chairman Kroll indicated the advisory referendum results were 260 "yes" votes to 223 "no" votes. The Clerk verified the official results. Chairman Kroll asked for town board discussion on the results. Mr. Staskiewicz voiced his concern there are no off-road trails, nor access allowed to the majority of the taverns due to State and County highways, nor a club established for the proposal to work. He was also concerned with mixing ATV's and vehicle traffic on roads with many curves along with high speed as a safety concern. Mr. Staskiewicz provided Wisconsin DNR statistics on the number of fatalities on ATV's and numbers which included alcohol related causes. Mr. Metropulos commented on the seriousness of the manufacturer labels on ATV's advising owners not to use the machines on pavement and the contradiction this would be to allowing them on town roads. He also explained why Lake Tomahawk turned down ATV use on their town roads. Mr. McKenzie commented on his belief that the people of Newbold are law-abiding and anything we do can be a safety hazard, which should not prevent opening town roads to ATV/UTV use. He indicated he would be in favor of opening all town roads to ATV/UTV use. Mr. Hammer commented on his concern with the sticker on the machine stating not to use on pavement and how this contradicts what is being proposed. He spoke of the authority and responsibility the town board has over the roads in Newbold and proposed there be a licensing fee not for revenue, but to ensure requirements of safety are being met. Mr. Hammer noted the vote was very close and it's clear that not everyone in Newbold wants the roads open to ATV/UTV use and asked how the board will address those who voted "no". Mr. Hammer also suggested that a group be formed of those who are for and against the idea to come together and propose a solution. Chairman Kroll commented that thirteen percent want this to happen, eleven percent don't and the rest of the voters didn't care enough to weigh in on the matter. Chairman Kroll proposed that there may be a greater safety issue with inconsistencies from municipality to municipality when motorists aren't aware of ATV use on roads. Chairman Kroll indicated he believes the alcohol concerns are there, but believes at some point in time roads in Newbold will be open for ATV/UTV use.
A motion was made by Mr. McKenzie and seconded by Mr. Hammer to open all Newbold town roads to ATV/UTV use and draft an ordinance to this. There was further discussion on safety issues with motorists, pedestrians and bikers all using the same roads. There was also discussion on possible "drop off locations" for ATV

trail use. A roll call vote was called with the following results: Mr. McKenzie "yes"; Mr. Hammer "no"; Mr. Staskiewicz "no"; Mr. Metropulos "no"; Mr. Kroll "yes". The motion failed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. Metropulos to form a study committee to include a town board representative, ATV user and an opponent representative to study the matter for a six-month period and report back to the town board. There was further discussion on the responsibility of the town board handling this matter. The motion failed on a vote of one "yes", and four "no".

There were several members of the public who got up and left the meeting. Chairman Kroll asked that the town board consider looking at possible trails or routes, as he believes the matter will keep coming back to the board and wants to look at a compromise. Mr. Hammer again mentioned the need for a club to be organized to help in the pursuit of the matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Kroll and seconded by Mr. Metropulos that the town board pursue drafting standards for establishing ATV/UTV routes. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays. Further discussion that the draft will be preliminary criteria and not specific roads. Chairman Kroll agreed to draft preliminary standards for discussion at the next town board meeting on April 27th. Chairman Kroll clarified the town board will not open up all town roads, but possibly specific roads and for the purpose of a certain standard or criteria that will be followed.

- Discussion and action on town hall flooring quotes for the entryway. Mr. Staskiewicz provided quotes for commercial grade carpet squares from Carpet City at \$950.00 or Country Charm at \$970.96 for 2'X2' squares, installation, removal of old tiles and installation of new border. A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. Metropulos to approve purchasing carpet squares for the entryway at a cost of \$970.96 from Country Charm. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays. The Clerk agreed to select the color and contact Country Charm for installation and inquire about using a coupon for a discount.
- Monthly Newbold Outdoor Recreation Committee Report by NORC Chairman. Discussion and action on approving travel expenses for Designer's Duster and Bill to work on the disc golf course April 27 to April 29th. Pete Cody reported that the privy tank is ready for installation at the recreation site as soon as road limits are lifted. Recent progress at the site includes road crew employees removing large rocks with heavy machinery, completion of DNR required runoff reports, selection of bench locations and the NORC meeting of April 10th which included attendance by two volunteers who agreed to oversee the mason work for tee pads and basket setting. The professional course designers would like to work on a final design April 28th through April 30th along with attending a fundraiser meet and greet event April 28th at the Northwestern. The Northwestern has agreed to promote Newbold's Rookery Run course. It is estimated that travel and lodging expenses will be approximately \$700 total, which needs board approval. A motion was made by Mr. Hammer and seconded by Mr. McKenzie to approve \$700 for the designer's travel expenses as estimated. That motion carried on a vote of all ayes and zero nays. Mr. Cody noted that the down firewood at the site needs to be removed. Chairman Kroll asked that Mr. Cody contact McNaughton Camp again and if not interested, it would be available to town residence through arrangements made with the town.

- Administrative review and action, if necessary, concerning general government, public safety, recycling, sanitation, culture, education, job assignments, project updates, transportation, budget items, fund transfers, and future agenda items.

The next town board meeting is April 27, 2017 and the Annual meeting is April 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

- Public comment and communication period per Wisconsin statutes whereby the town board may receive input on any matter raised by the public.
Tim Rudowsky commented on the ATV matter, stating that safety and purpose are the focus and if Newbold opened up roads it would be for fishing, hunting, plowing snow, and visiting neighbors. A club could be formed to take care of signage, etc. Mr. Rudowsky commented on his belief that locals are more responsible users than those from down south and encouraged the board to look at what Pine Lake has done to open routes.

Mike Ruzik commented on the ATV matter also, noting any accident that has happened certainly wasn't intended. He was also very disappointed with the group of interested attendees who got up and walked out when the board was making motions and hoped that all would come together for a solution in the future.

Robert Burns asked about the status of possible improvements to Rosalie Lane. Chairman Kroll noted that bids will be received on April 27th and then discussion with the property owners on Saturday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. A letter will be mailed to each owner on this private road.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m., on a motion made by Mr. Metropulos and Mr. Hammer with no objection.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Gauthier, Newbold Town Clerk